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GERMANS TAKE FIRST STEP IN NEGOTIATIONS

Credentials Are Presented By Plenipotentiaries At Session Lasting Only Five Minutes.

VON BROCKDORFF IS DEEPLY MOVED

Serious Differences Are Said To Have Aroused Between Members of National German Government.

Versailles, May 1.—In a session beginning at 3:30 this afternoon, and lasting barely five minutes the German plenipotentiaries of the peace conference presented their credentials. It was the first step in peace negotiations. German credentials were presented to representatives of the allies and the United States.

He and almost fainting from emotion, Count Von Brockdorff-Rantzau, German foreign secretary and head of the delegation, passed through what was said to be the bitterest moment of his life. He was barely able to sustain himself through the brief ceremony and reach the waiting automobile which brought him to the gathering.

Berlin, Wednesday, April 30.—Serious differences have arisen between members of the national government and a change maybe expected shortly. According to a Berlin telegram, Matthias Erzberger, head of the armistice commission, is said to have reached the breaking point with Count Brockdorff-Rantzau, head of the peace delegation and will do his utmost to make the foreign minister's work at the peace congress difficult.

Paris, May 1.—Council of three met with foreign ministers and some members of war council at Quai d'Orsay at 10 o'clock this afternoon subject under discussion not announced.

Demonstrators packed the grand boulevard between the Madeleine and the opera late this afternoon. Some were heard, apparently coming from the crowd. A number of persons were seen lying in the streets, but it was unknown whether they were shot or ridden down by troops called to suppress the demonstrations.

MORE THAN 100 INJURED IN MAY I L. D. EVENTS

New York, May 1.—Comparatively little bloodshed marked radically celebration of international labor day in the United States. The most serious rioting occurred in Cleveland, where a man was killed and more than a hundred persons, including eleven policemen, were injured. The next in importance was a battle between police and paraders in Boston, in which several persons were shot and many arrested. Riot call was sounded in Chicago when radicals attempted to parade which had been forbidden. Several persons were arrested but there were no casualties. Red plans for the most gruesome May day tragedy in history miscarried because of the accidental discovery of a bomb plot which had nation-wide ramifications.

New York apparently was the center of the plot but no arrests have been made thus far, although scores of agents of the department of justice, detective inspectors and detectives have secured the city for some prominent elite. The haunts of reds and radicals have been carefully watched and the chief hope of success in the strike rests in the possibility of finding on the bombs, finger prints which correspond with those of anarchists and radicals who have been arrested previously.

Salt Lake, May 1.—Two bombs, one addressed to Senator Wm. H. King, the other to Frank K. Nebeker, who represented the I. W. W. in Chicago last year, were intercepted in Salt Lake postoffice late today. The packages bore the name of Gimbel Bros., New York.

GENERAL BILL PROHIBITION BE UP TODAY

Drug Stores May Sell Alcohol for Medicinal and Mechanical Uses If Bill Passes.

OTHER MEASURES KEEP SENATE BUSY

Considerable Time is Taken Up in Argument Concerning Employment of Secret Prohibition Detectives.

(BY HERBERT FELKE.)
Tallahassee, Fla., May 1.—Tomorrow at 11:30 the senate will consider the temperance committee's general bill amending act of the extraordinary session for enforcement of the state-wide prohibition amendment to the constitution, it having been made a special order for that hour, May 2.

It places the sale of alcohol for mechanical and medical purposes in the hands of drug stores, providing heavy penalties for its unlawful sale, prohibits the sale of brandy and whiskey on a physician's prescription as permitted now, imposes heavy penalties on those selling intoxicating extracts and patent medicines to be used as beverages and tightens up the present law in several particulars.

It permits, however, the possession of as much as four quarts of liquor in one's home provided it was there before January 1, last.

The joint temperance committee's bill to authorize the employment of detectives was passed by the senate today but not till after it had been amended on motion of Senator MacWilliams to provide that the county commissioners instead of the circuit judges and prosecuting attorneys should employ experienced men to ferret out crimes whenever it be deemed necessary.

Senators Russell and MacWilliams stated they considered the sheriffs of their respective counties competent to enforce the prohibition laws without the aid of special detectives.

Chairman Stokes of the senate temperance committee defended the bill and opposed the amendment. He stated that the measure was designed to assist in the running down of all kinds of criminals and not for enforcement of the temperance laws. Alone, He also said that the bill contemplated only the occasional employment of detectives in special cases and only in counties where the services of extra officers seemed to be necessary.

Hughlett Says Let U. S. Government Do It.
Senator Hughlett said he understood the federal government was making extensive preparation for enforcement of the liquor laws after July 1 and that "We have surrendered our state's rights and the law in the future will be made and enforced from the centralization of authority at Washington." He understood that thousands of government detectives had been employed and that enough of them to enforce the war prohibition would be turned loose in Florida after July 1.

Senators Stokes and Carlton feared the amendment, which was adopted, would seriously cripple the bill because the proceedings of the county commissioners are printed in numbers of the counties and their meetings held openly.

Cotton Bill Reconsidered.
Without further debate the vote by which the Carlton bill to establish a board of charities and correction was killed on yesterday was reconsidered today on motion of Senator Wilson and the bill passed by a vote of 17 to 11.

If the house and the governor act favorably on the measure the state prison farm, the hospital for the insane and the industrial schools for boys and girls will be placed under a new unsalaried board, functioning similarly to the board of control.

Senator Johnson introduced a measure prohibiting and providing for penalties for "Setting on fire or burning of forest woods, lands or marshes."

Senator Johnson proposed a bill to definite regulate domestic and foreign investment companies.

Several local measures were introduced and some of them passed under waiver of the rules, and Senator Butler submitted a bill to amend the present divorce laws, providing that parties seeking legal separation must reside in the state one year before a divorce can be granted. The bill also provides that no divorce may be granted if both parties are guilty of adultery or if they committed adultery for the purpose of obtaining divorce.

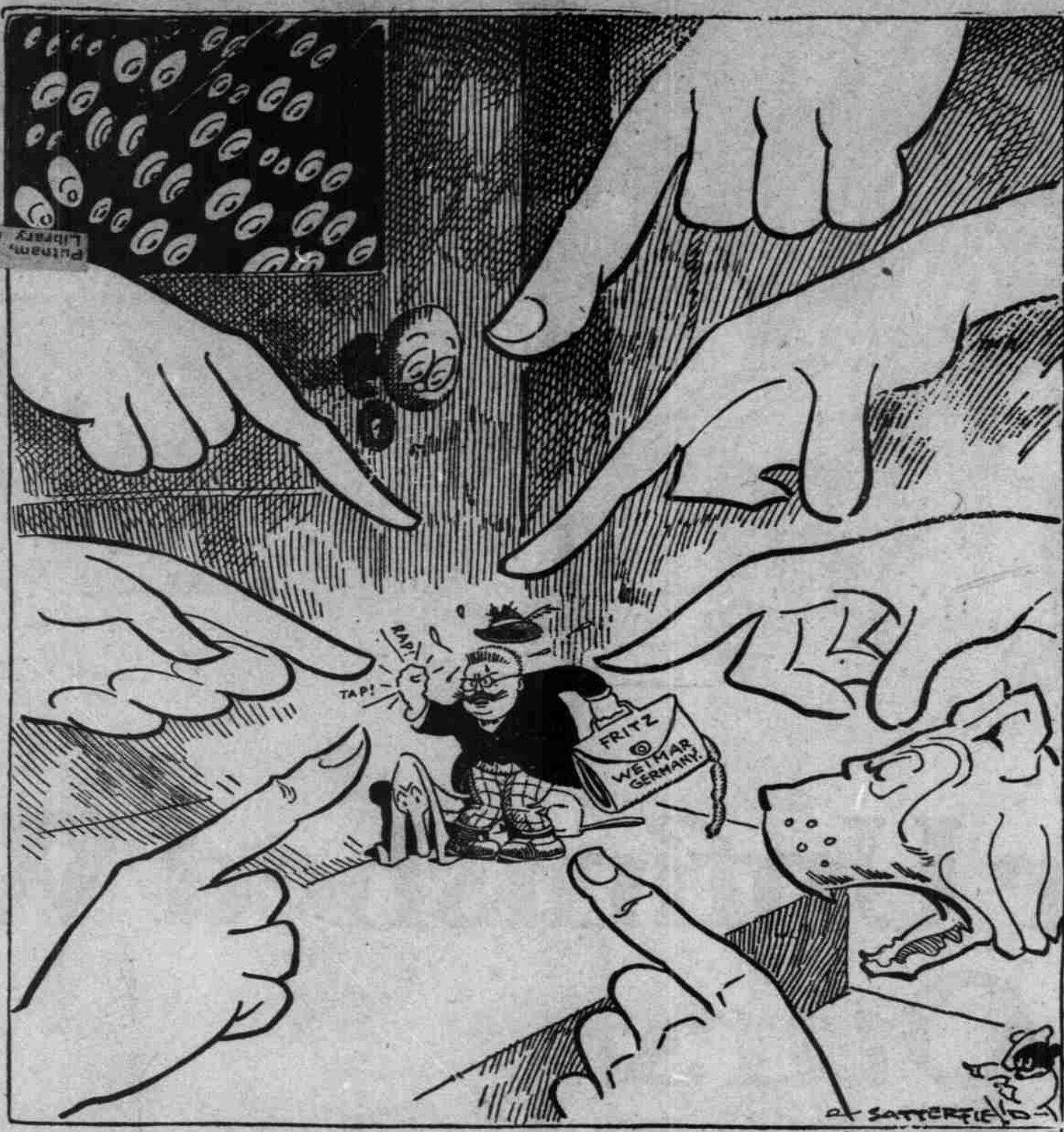
Senator Igou introduced two bills one to appropriate \$100,000 for an addition to the capitol building here and the other to confer the right of eminent domain on the board of state institutions.

Senator Crosby introduced a measure to require a license from the county commissioners in order to carry on in one's possession an automatic rifle or shotgun, and making the present law in regard to revolvers apply to automatic rifles and shotguns as well.

Many Small Measures.
Senator Wilson introduced a bill to vest in the I. L. board the riparian rights and title of all reclaimed lands in the Everglades on the edges of the Everglades.

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German Peace Delegate Arriving at Versailles



PHONE COMPANY HEAD ISSUES A STATEMENT

Operation of Rates Made Effective Yesterday Contingent Upon Decision of U. S. Supreme Court.

The proposed increases in telephone rates were made operative yesterday as heretofore outlined; however, of course, the new rates are contingent upon a decision by the United States supreme court. A case to determine the right of Postmaster General Burleson to establish intra-state rates is now pending and decision is expected soon.

President Brown of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company has issued the following statement:

"I have been authorized by the chairman of the operating board, United States Telephone and Telephone administration, to state to each of the state commissions, municipalities and the public generally, that acting for the postmaster general, the companies, if the United States supreme court decides that the postmaster general has no authority to establish intra-state rates, will forthwith return to its patrons the amounts collected from them in excess of the rates superseded by the local exchange rates to be effective on May 1."

"I am advising all the commissions in our territory to that effect and hope that the municipalities and the public generally will understand that this will be done. The United States supreme court will hear arguments in the cases involving the right of the postmaster general to fix these intra-state rates on May 5, and we expect a speedy decision. In the event of the supreme court decides against the postmaster general's right, these refunds will be made promptly by the companies without it being necessary for the patrons to make application for the same."

EIGHTEEN LOST IN WRECK OF NAVAL TUG GYPSUM QUEEN

Washington, May 1.—Two officers and fourteen men of the crew of naval tug Gypsum Queen were drowned when the vessel struck a rock and sank near the French coast April 23, the navy department has announced.

BIG INCREASE IN SUGAR CANE CROP IN LOUISIANA

New Orleans, May 1.—Production of cane sugar in Louisiana during the season recently ended was \$561,000,000 pounds, an increase of 74,000 over last year, according to a statement prepared here today by John S. Dennee, statistician for the department of crop estimates of agriculture.

NEWS IN BRIEF FROM ALL OVER THE UNIVERSE

Basle, May 1.—The German National assembly probably will be transferred from Weimer to Berlin next week, the Tageblatt of Berlin, reports.

Buenos Aires, May 1.—Nonorio Puayredon, foreign minister, denied today that Argentina had any part in Mexico's refusal to recognize the Monroe doctrine.

Nashville, Tenn., May 1.—The Southern Baptist Sunday school board closed the greatest year in its history April 30, receipts being \$633,573, a gain of \$95,884.

Atlanta, Ga., May 1.—The second serious fire within six months partially destroyed the building and stock of the Sterchi Furniture and Carpet Company on East Mitchell street today with an estimated loss of \$75,000.

St. Petersburg, Fla., May 1.—Lieut. L. F. Lanley, 22 years old, army aviator from Carlstrom field, Arcadia, Fla., was burned to death here this morning when his achine burst into flames and fell. His home was at Bay City, Mich.

New York, May 1.—The condition of Samuel Gompers, who was injured here Sunday when a surface car crashed into a taxicab in which he was riding, has shown a decided improvement during the last 24 hours, it was stated this morning by his physician. Mr. Gompers had a restful night.

Yazoo City, Miss., May 1.—With our fleet in the Philippines and our soldiers in Europe, there's not much use for talking of avoidance of entangling alliances, declared Senator John Sharp Williams in an address here today before a county convention of the Methodist church.

New York, May 1.—Resolutions were adopted at a mass meeting of radicals at Madison Square Garden tonight advocating four general strikes, three of five days duration and the fourth of indefinite length unless Thomas J. Mooney and Warren K. Billings are released from prison or granted new trials before July 4.

KOONS MURDER SUSPECTS ENTER PLEAS NOT GUILTY

Lake City, Fla., May 1.—Frank Landrum, Joe Landrum, J. Lichenstein and Tim Bales, the latter a negro, charged with the murder of Mrs. Wiley Koons, were brought here this morning from Jacksonville under military guard. They pleaded not guilty before Judge Horne. Motion for a change of venue was denied and action for a continuance was taken under advisement. It is believed a jury will be obtained tomorrow with no disorders.

ESCAMBIA LAGS BUT OTHERS IN ZONE FORGE ON

Four Counties Other Than Escambia Remain to Go Over—Solicitors to Report This Morning.

The Executive Committee urgently requests that solicitors having cards turn them in with report by noon today to Victory loan headquarters.

The Victory loan campaign in Escambia county, and more especially in Pensacola, seems to be slackening according to reports from loan headquarters where only small subscriptions have been reported for the last two days. Reports that Escambia county's quota had been over-subscribed were branded as "absolutely untrue" by Chairman Muldon. The total amount subscribed at the end of the business day yesterday was \$393,500.

The campaign in the West Florida zone has now shifted wholly to the eastern part of the zone and centers in Jackson, Gadsden, Leon and Madison counties, as it is expected that Liberty county went over the top late in the day. Favorable reports were received from Gadsden and Madison counties during the day but no further progress was reported from Jackson and Leon, where the campaign is at its height.

The officers and men who are taking the Army tank through the zone were congratulated yesterday by Zone Chairman Mitchell on their success in selling bonds. The telegram was addressed to Capt. F. J. Blount, Lieut. M. A. Quina, and Privates Carmichael and Woerner.

Capt. F. M. Bennett of the naval air station has received notice that Wednesday, May 7, has been designated as Navy Day in the Victory loan campaign by the secretary of the treasury.

The tank exhibited at McDavid and Bluff Springs yesterday.

At the beginning of the campaign it was announced that medals made from captured German guns would be given to the best workers. Samples of these medals have arrived. They are inscribed "Awarded by Treasury Department for Patriotic Service in Behalf of Liberty Loan" also "Made from Captured Guns". A number of these medals will be available for distribution at the end of the campaign.

Seaplanes from the air station gave an exhibition of stunt and formation flying yesterday. Stunt flying in seaplanes, being so much more difficult than in land machines, was a great surprise to all who saw it.

DIPPING BILL AGAIN TIES UP HOUSE LAW MILL

Suggestion That Dipping Records Be Turned Over to Tax Assessors Causes Stir.

HOUSE RECEIVES MANY PETITIONS

Several New Measures Were Introduced Before Eradication Problem Was Again Taken Up.

(BY JNO. C. TRICE)

Tallahassee, May 1.—At the opening of the house this morning a number of telegrams and petitions were received. One asked that the fertilizer laws of the state be left just as they are. Another asked that the compulsory dipping law be passed. Still another was seeking passage of laws for protection of the citrus growing industry.

Mr. Watson of Dade introduced a concurrent resolution acknowledging the debt of gratitude the state owes its young men for services rendered during the war. It also calls upon the citizens to lend all aid possible in securing employing for returning soldiers and sailors adopted.

After a little scrap over the matter, between Mr. Phillips of Columbia, who made the motion and Mr. Bryan of Osceola, introducer of the bill, the house decided to recommit the fertilizer bill. Mr. Bryan had formerly got the house to recall the bill from the committee because he thought they were delaying too long in reporting it back. It retains its place on the calendar, by suggestion of Mr. Bryan.

Mr. Barber introduced a bill providing for cutting in half the tax at present assessed for state board of health. He urged that because of importance of the matter it ought to be taken up and disposed of at once. Mr. Watson rose to support the motion, but when Mr. Epperson stated the senate had already passed such a bill and it would be reported favorably from the committee during the day, Mr. Watson said he thought that was enough.

During the morning a bill was introduced to make it unlawful to go hunting and fishing on Sunday, and prescribing a heavy penalty for its violation.

Mr. Chavous of Lafayette county introduced a bill creating a sixteenth judicial circuit. By the terms of the bill the new circuit will be composed of the counties of Lafayette, Taylor and Suwanee.

The compromise naval stores bill reached the house as having passed the question having already been before the senate, and went on the calendar, for joint committee, and this bill being the result of that joint consideration.

The house then resumed its consideration of the compulsory dipping bill. The third amendment offered was by Mr. Phillips of Columbia county, directing those in charge of vats to keep a record and furnish it to the county assessors. It had the effect of a bomb thrown into a campmeeting. The discussions heretofore have been tame in comparison. When the house recessed at 1:30 it was still under fire.

The compulsory dipping bill threatens to shove many of the important matters to come up in the house this week clear off the slate. It was resumed at the afternoon session and held the stage until the close, notwithstanding the regular time for meeting was extended half an hour.

It has now consumed almost three entire days of the house, and it will be resumed tomorrow unless sidetracked by a two-thirds vote which seems unlikely. And not much more than a half dozen amendments have been disposed of out of a score or more that are likely to be introduced.

Most of the questions passed upon today were by roll call, and the introducers seem to be making a record for future reference as well as fighting a hopeless cause before the house.

LOAN CAMPAIGN IS NOT GOING SATISFACTORILY

Washington, May 1.—Only one hundred and sixty million dollars additional subscriptions to the Victory Loan were reported today to the treasury. The total tonight was \$1,270,000,000. As a result of this somewhat disappointing situation, the treasury statement said: Chairman throughout the country are urging workers to greater efforts than ever during the loan. Make it clear that every man and woman must do their full duty now that peace is at hand.

Atlanta, May 1.—America must put the same impetus behind the Victory Loan that made the first four loans a success, and go at the task of raising four and a half billions in the same spirit American soldiers in France today are completing their work. Secretary Glass declared here today, addressing three hundred bankers and newspaper editors of the sixth district.

RAILROAD TO VOLANTA IS CONTEMPLATED

Work On Project is Already Under Way in Baldwin County and Citizens Are Entrusted.

CROSS PERDIDO AT LILIAN PROPOSED

With \$15,000 Stock Subscription Line Could Be Built From Lilian to Pensacola it is Estimated.

The urgent demand for railroad facilities connecting Pensacola with Baldwin county, Ala., and affording faster and better travel advantages to Mobile and the west, is again manifested, this time in the way of a projected railroad from Volanta, on the east side of Mobile Bay, to Pensacola, by way of Foley, Lilian and intermediate points.

The movement for the construction of this road is being fostered by Mr. Barclay, a prominent citizen and property owner of south Baldwin. Two miles of the road is already constructing right along from Volanta east. It is declared and work is proceeding projected through a very fine farming section and the people along the route are very anxious, he says, for its extension into Pensacola. The road is being built by funds raised by popular subscription for stock.

The project has been taken up by Mr. Barclay with the Pensacola Chamber of Commerce, with reference to the extension of the line from Lilian into Pensacola and the officials of the chamber have become interested to the extent that letters together with blue prints of the proposed line fully descriptive of the project, are being sent out to active members of the chamber and business men of the city with the understanding that the proposition will be thoroughly investigated.

Mr. Barclay has stated that the road, over which is to operate at first light motor or electric cars, can be extended into Pensacola from Lilian at a cost of approximately \$15,000. The blue prints of the project line show that it follows closely the course of the present Pensacola-Lilian-Fairhope dirt road, crossing the Perdido river at the same point.

Mr. Barclay says that the farmers in south Baldwin are enthusiastic concerning the project and that there is absolutely no doubt of its being completed at an early date from Volanta to Lilian. If a spirit of encouraging interest is manifested among Pensacola people in the undertaking as is believed will be the case, Mr. Barclay will come to Pensacola at an early date for the purpose of going thoroughly into the project with local business men through arrangements to be made at the direction of the local chamber officials.

Subscriptions to the project would not be in the nature of donations, according to the promoters, but would be on a strictly business basis of stock issue, and it is believed that it would soon pay for itself and that the stock would prove a profitable investment.

CATTS ISSUES EMPLOYMENT DAY PROCLAMATION

Tallahassee, May 1.—Governor Catts today issued a proclamation designating Sunday, the fourteenth day of May as Employment Day. In his proclamation the governor pays high tribute to labor in that so much was accomplished by the Federation of Labor towards the successful termination of the war and begs that the people of the state be awakened to assist, wherever possible, those who are unemployed.

MAY DAY PASSED QUIETLY DESPITE STRIKERS THREATS

Tampa, Fla., May 1.—There was no May Day demonstration here today, the day passing in complete order. Three companies of county guards who were called out early as a precautionary measure on request of city and county authorities, for the most part were released from duty by noon.

LEGISLATORS ARE ENTERTAINED AT CAPITAL MANSION

BY MCGINNIS.
Tallahassee, May 1.—The governor's mansion tonight was the scene of the brightest social event of the entire legislative session. Governor Sidney J. Catts and Mrs. Catts entertained, according to the custom of many years, at an informal reception in honor of the members of the senate and house of representatives. Many out of town visitors from various points of the state, are in Tallahassee for the special purpose of attending this function.